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**DRAFT MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF
BURLINGTON BOARD OF HEALTH**

In Person and Virtual Meeting

Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 6:30 PM

Attending: *William Ward, Celia Bird, Julie Hathaway, Jenny Tomczak, Pat Payne, Hannah Cunningham, Celeste Crowley*

Absent:

Meeting called to order by Interim Chair Hathaway at 6:36 PM

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION TAKEN
1. Approvals: a. Agenda b. Approval of August Minutes	a. February Agenda – Approved as written. b. December meeting Minutes – Approved as written.	Celia motioned, Jenny 2 nd . ~Approved Pat motioned, Jenny 2 nd . ~Approved
2. Public Forum	There were no public attendees.	
3. Discussion on 2021 Vermont Pesticide Advisory Council – Right of Way approvals	Sylvia Knight, a Burlington resident who has spent many years advocating and researching pesticide use in Vermont and Burlington. She is very interested in the Railway's use of pesticides/herbicides in the city. She provided the Board of Health members with a report; Herbicides, Railroads, Public Spaces, and Water in Burlington Vt. Testing was done at various points along the lakes shorelines. We discussed the findings in and around the Waterfront in Burlington and the city's buffer zones.	

	<p>Julie asked Sylvia if she was aware of our knotweed problem in the area of Harrison Avenue and in relation to the Railroad right of way. She was not aware but discussed the State permitting process for the railways and the timing of their permits being issued.</p> <p>Ultimately, getting a copy of the Railroad Companies' State issued permits would give the Board of Health better knowledge of the State expectations when it comes to posting their pesticide use as well as intended schedules of when the pesticides will be applied in the Burlington area. This will allow the Board to be proactive and post notices for our communities when the pesticides are in use.</p> <p>Thank you for the great information Sylvia!</p>	
4. Request for Approval on reappointment of Deputy Town Health Officer, Matthew Perry	After a brief discussion of Matthew's 19 years of experience, dependability, and his ability to be a respectful spokesperson for the Board of Health, the Board of Health motioned to reappoint him as the Deputy Town Health Officer.	Patrick motioned; Jenny 2 nd . All in favor.
5. Mary Hart Appreciation a. General Discussion	<p>With Covid still hanging over us, the discussion to honor Mary is focusing on a BOH send off in April and a larger city/family recognition in the summer months. Julie has spoken with members of Mary's family and the consensus is to honor her with something outdoors.</p> <p>Bill suggested a city bench with a plaque recognizing Mary's many years of service for the city on the BOH. Julie, Bill, and Celeste are looking into the process and pricing of a recognition bench.</p> <p>Jenny suggested to reach out to previous board members and have each of them send a card of congratulation wishes for Mary. We would gather them and present them to her as a scrapbook (or something) at the recognition event.</p>	
6. Eradicating Systemic Racism	Since this is the first meeting of the new year, there wasn't a specific topic to discuss.	Motioned by Jenny; 2 nd Celia. All in favor.

	<p>Bill brought up the topic of extreme heat emergency options that may arise during the summer months.</p> <p>What is the threshold to declare extreme heat? What are the locations available for citizens to get relief from the heat; police station, schools, Parks & Rec buildings? Make sure they are organized as cooling stations.</p> <p>The City Council will look to the Board of Health to declare when there is a heat emergency.</p> <p>There is an opening for a Board of Health member. The Board would love to diversify its members so we can have better perspective on the needs and solutions for Burlington's non-white residents.</p>	Motioned by Celia; 2 nd Jenny. All in favor.
7. Pesticide Applications a. General discussion	The Board motioned to delete this item. It will be added in when pesticide applications and/or Railroad discussions arise.	Pat motioned; Jenny 2 nd All in favor
8. Emerging Issues a. Website Links b. BHS students	<p>Julie said she had reached out to some teachers but has had no response. A few ideas were; have business donate items for the students, have a raffle each month, and a week long mental health awareness initiative.</p> <p>Hannah, Julie, and Jenny will reach out to different people at BHS to see how they feel about BOH supporting the students, and the best way to do that.</p>	
9. Public Outreach / Communications a. Front Porch Forum	The consensus from the board members is to post recognition for the REIB division for all they are doing to create an inclusive city community.	
10. Next Meeting	The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 10 at 6:30pm	Meet via Zoom
11. Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 8:28pm	Celia motioned, Jenny 2 nd .